

Miss Goss Among Tennis Victors—"Chick" Evans and Jones Lose at Golf

IN ALL FAIRNESS

By W. J. MACBETH

PROFESSIONAL baseball, on its closing bow to the public until after the world war, had a very narrow escape both from disgrace and suspicion. There came very near to being a strike on the part of the players after the fourth world series game had been played in Boston. A strike would have given this most wholesome of all professional sports such a black eye as would have required years and years of nursing.

But baseball, fortunately, went out clean, and for this full credit is due to the players, whose innate honesty at heart has kept the game honest these many years. The National Commission, odorous, incapable of debate or reason for the time, would have sacrificed the sport because of their conception of principle. After an hour of ineffectual wrangling the striking players decided to go on with the game, but only because of a sense of obligation to public patronage.

It is indeed a fortunate circumstance that the trouble between the players and the commission came to a head in such a fair-minded hotbed of baseball enthusiasm as is the City of Boston. It is doubtful if the fandom of any other major league city would have waited so patiently and long for action after it had paid its good admission money. Had the game been called off all admission money would have had to be refunded, and it is very doubtful if said refund could have been effected short of disgraceful panic or riot.

Whatever disgrace the striking players of the Red Sox and Cubs may have cast temporarily upon their profession was atoned for, in a great degree, by the spirit of their play throughout the entire series. They proved that the playing fraternity is not wholly immune with commercialism by fighting the issue through to a determined finish even after they realized the monetary reward would be a niggardly one compared to those of banner seasons. Unfortunately, so much cannot be said of organized baseball's administration.

"Back Stairs" Policies Must Go for Good

PROFESSIONAL baseball is to be revived after the war and placed once more upon that high plane of popularity it enjoyed a few years ago, then there must be a thorough renovating of the present administration. There is no reason why the game should not come back greater and more popular than ever if it is placed in the keeping of the right sort of leaders. For with the return of our victorious millions from abroad will come a love for the sport born of recreation behind the lines.

Of late years commercialism has assumed too great a prominence in the conduct of major league affairs. This applies quite as well to the playing as to the directing side. The sporting phase was clouded with talk of money—opera star salaries and tremendous gate receipts. Before the days for reconstruction come players and magnates alike, no doubt, will have learned their lesson and in reorganization economy is likely to be practised on both sides.

If the game is interrupted for any great length of time, as now seems likely to be the case, the owners of the magnificent steel and concrete plants are likely to be hard hit financially. For much of the overhead expense will go on, with no revenues coming in from franchise investments. And in this instance, it may be noted in passing, for the time Colonel Ruppert and Major Huston, of the Yankees, will have a decided advantage over their fellow magnates. The American League franchise will cost nothing to hold pending peace. The club with no home will have no rent and taxes to pay.

Many of the baseball plants will be put to commercial use during the war. A great storage warehouse is to be made of Braves' Field, Boston. Fenway Park, of the same city, has already been devoted to self-supporting business enterprises. The same can be said of Shibe Park, Philadelphia, and Forbes Field, Pittsburgh. Doubtless if all the owners have the business initiative of some, ways may be found to make the baseball properties almost self-supporting pending the renewal of baseball operations.

A Word or Two for an Absent Hero

A ST. LOUIS publication, which depends upon the baseball reading public for its circulation, prints from the pen of its New York representative a somewhat vitriolic attack upon Major T. L. Huston, half owner of the New York American League club. One might suspect that certain supposed powers of the game had inspired the utterances.

It is made to appear that major league owners in general attribute to an article of Major T. L. Huston this spring all the ills that have since befallen the sport. If the magnates are indeed of this opinion, they have taken a mean way and a mean time to express their spleen.

For they are one and all tucked away safely by their own firesides. Major Huston, with the 16th Engineers, for more than a year has been facing the perils of the battlefield of France in military work important to the successful termination of the war. Among this country's patriots the name of Huston must ever take a prominent place. He sacrificed all family ties and business connections to do his bit the moment America entered the world war. He had to make a spirited fight against red tape because of his age and physical condition at the time to get into the army. His only son and his son-in-law are both officers of the United States Army in France.

Whatever else, Huston cannot be accused of a lack of patriotism. Nor was he ever known to lack sound business judgment. His article pointed out with almost prophetic judgment the ills arising on baseball's horizon. With his baseball investment, he was anxious that baseball policies should be so shaped as to avoid the tempest that has overwhelmed it. It is to the discredit of baseball's administration that the warning went unheeded.

Only because of the fact that Huston is not here to defend himself does the writer take up the cudgels for his friend. In answer to this criticism I shall quote an excerpt or two from a letter Major Huston wrote last April 19 at the front, under a shaded light, with airplanes buzzing overhead, the night made hideous with dropping bombs and the popping of the anti-aircraft guns, with the roar of the big guns keeping a base-drum accompaniment meanwhile.

The Pat Answer of Huston to His Critics

"TO THE criticisms of my letter to baseball (and friends have been kind enough to furnish me with all the clippings) I include a clipping from to-day's 'London Mail' which expressed patly the attitude which baseball and the nation should show toward our soldiers over here. Remember, I don't claim credit or virtue for being over here. I was ashamed to stay at home."

"I get letters from home stating that the war will soon be over, as the Boche can't hold out much longer. All right! A dynasty is fighting for world's supremacy on one hand to avoid a Car's fate on the other. It's right to the last ditch. I saw it eighteen months ago. My friends thought I was bawling. I see it all more clearly now."

"Tell my critics to come over here and tell it to my face, where history is being made."

Now, gentle reader, I leave the verdict with you. Who do you suppose is most responsible for baseball's sorry plight? A man of Huston's mighty purpose and integrity or that faction of the National Commission, still in power, which repudiated the most sacred treaty of organized baseball by countenancing Connie Mack's suit in the courts for Pitcher Scott Perry, awarded to the Boston Braves by the supreme (supposedly) judgment of the National Commission? A man of Huston's faith or a man who has glossed over the base action of Cleveland's defiance of baseball law by refusing to keep Labor Day obligations of schedule in the City of St. Louis?

Racing Shifts to Popular Aqueduct

RACING to-day shifts to the popular course at Aqueduct, and few will regret the move. For some reason Belmont Park is not popular with the horsemen. Whether it is because the thoroughbreds race the reverse way at this beautiful plant or because of tantalizing racing luck, the fact remains that the Belmont meeting just closed was marked by so many form reversals as to arouse suspicion.

Certainly, the stewards tolerated an unusual amount of rough-house tactics on the part of the riders. There were some queer looking steeplechases as well as queer looking flat races. And from the number of scratches daily there is ground for suspicion of padded entry lists.

Aqueduct is very popular with the horsemen and the masses because one has a fine view of the horses throughout their competitions and the long stretch minimizes the possibilities of upsets from poor racing luck.

The popularity of racing was once more attested in Saturday's bumper crowd which turned out to see the Futurity run. It would be a crime to a crime if those who have the keeping of the sport in their hands should, through laxity and indifference, allow public confidence to be destroyed.

Kalevas Land First Place in Annual Games

Kauppinen Sensation of Scandinavian-American Athletic Meet at Ulmer Park

By A. C. CAVANARO

The athletes of the Kaleva Athletic Club retained their strangle hold on the Scandinavian-American Athletic League championship by again subduing the Swedish-American Athletic Club in the second half of the annual track and field games held at Ulmer Park, Bensonhurst, yesterday. From the opening pistol it was a duel for premier honors between the two clubs, with the Kaleva boys scoring heavily, as usual, in the distance runs and weight events.

As was the case in the first half of the tilt in the spring the winning margin of the Finn athletes of the Kaleva contingent was small. In yesterday's gathering Kaleva led with 28 points, with the Swedes 4 points back and the Finnish-American Athletic Club third with 12 points. A grand total of the two meets gives Kaleva 52, Swedish-American 23 and Finnish-American 27. A large number of Scandinavian League athletes from out of town competed.

One Record Broken

Tradition it has been to break a championship record in every meet, and this individual glory fell yesterday to Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American Athletic Club, who competes in the national tilt meet at Chicago next Saturday. Traung snared over the 220-yard low hurdles on the caddy track in 27.25 seconds, which cut his championship record by one second. He later won the running broad jump and was second in the 220-yard run.

However, the sensation of the games was P. Kauppinen, a Finn athlete, standing over six feet high, who was displaying his athletic ability. While his form was on the grade order, he showed great strength, particularly in the hammer throwing contest, when he made a show of his field with a fine heave of 131 feet.

Kauppinen's strength alone accounted for his second victory in the one-half mile run. He was pitted, among others, with Otto Laakso, a clubmate and a runner of note, but little Laakso found that running over the wretched track had usurped all his strength. Kauppinen always trailed some ten yards back of Laakso until rounding the final turn, when he tired, with his stronger clubmate coming on to run away and gain a winning lead of ten yards in the final fifty yards.

Two open bicycle races also graced the programme, and besides taking their lives in their hands over the poor track the riders were covered from head to foot by the cheering throng. Laux, Empire City Wheelmen, beat Nelson Johnson, Unione Sportiva Italiana, by a wheel's length in the two-mile race, but Johnson evened matters in the five-mile tilt.

Competed from Scratch

Both Laux and Johnson competed from scratch in the longer race, with Johnson assuming the lead nearing four miles to win as he pleased. Laux was much used up from his earlier efforts and finished behind Vito Costone, who was second.

The summary follows:
120-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 19.2 seconds. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 20.2 seconds. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 21.2 seconds.

220-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 27.25 seconds. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 28.2 seconds. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 29.2 seconds.

440-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 1.05 minutes. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 1.10 minutes. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 1.15 minutes.

880-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 2.15 minutes. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 2.20 minutes. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 2.25 minutes.

1,760-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 4.30 minutes. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 4.35 minutes. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 4.40 minutes.

3,520-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 8.50 minutes. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 8.55 minutes. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 8.60 minutes.

7,040-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 17.00 minutes. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 17.05 minutes. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 17.10 minutes.

14,080-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 34.00 minutes. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 34.05 minutes. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 34.10 minutes.

28,160-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 1.08 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 1.09 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 1.10 hours.

56,320-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 2.16 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 2.17 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 2.18 hours.

112,640-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 4.32 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 4.33 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 4.34 hours.

225,280-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 8.64 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 8.65 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 8.66 hours.

450,560-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 17.28 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 17.29 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 17.30 hours.

901,120-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 34.56 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 34.57 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 34.58 hours.

1,802,240-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 69.12 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 69.13 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 69.14 hours.

3,604,480-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 138.24 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 138.25 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 138.26 hours.

7,208,960-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 276.48 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 276.49 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 276.50 hours.

14,417,920-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 552.96 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 552.97 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 552.98 hours.

28,835,840-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 1,105.92 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 1,105.93 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 1,105.94 hours.

57,671,680-yard run—Won by P. Kauppinen, Swedish-American A. C., with 2,211.84 hours. Second, Ernest E. Traung, Swedish-American A. C., with 2,211.85 hours. Third, Vito Costone, Swedish-American A. C., with 2,211.86 hours.

THESE two men have done the better part of the work in arranging for the big athletic meet at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station this week. On the left is Nelson Lampert, president of the Chicago A. A., under the auspices of which the games will be held, and on the right, is Captain William A. Moffett, commandant of the Great Lakes station, who has been untiring in his efforts to make the meet a big success. One hundred thousand people are expected to witness the games.



Star Athletes Of Country to Meet in Games

The greatest athletic event of years will be held at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., next Friday, Saturday and Monday, September 20, 21 and 22, when the National Amateur Athletic Union's track and field events are to be run off before fifty thousand blue-jackets in training and as many thousands of civilians. It is estimated that close to a hundred thousand persons will see the contests.

The games are to be held under the auspices of the Chicago Athletic Association, President Nelson Lampert of this organization and Captain W. A. Moffett, commandant at Great Lakes, have combined forces to handle the affair, and for the first time in history the National Amateur Athletic Union will have the active assistance of the navy in holding its annual events.

Approximately two hundred athletes, the stars of the country, representing schools, colleges, army camps, naval stations and athletic clubs from all sections of the United States, will compete. The preparation of the field has been such as to render it a perfect place for the various events. Captain Moffett's pet idea, a 140-yard straightaway track, has been carried out, and the experts are looking for a cracking of some of the records.

Lampert and Moffett have been at work for more than a month on the big contests, and the combination of their forces has given the annual event more prominence than it ever has before. In fact, amateur athletics is away to a boom in the Middle West which bids fair to sweep the country.

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In the first match of the day Miss Goss and Mr. Montgomery defeated Miss Bjurstedt and Mr. Howland by a score of 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, and then the girls paired off against the men, and the latter won by a score of 6-4, 7-5, although Miss Bjurstedt and her partner forced the men to their limit to win.

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Although the presence of Miss Bjurstedt and Miss Goss attracted tennis followers from miles around, several cars in autos, Victoria, buggies, runabouts, hubbards, dogcarts, carryalls, coaches, and even the honest farm wagons, were seen about the grounds. The entire scene, rolled up the winding driveway to the clubhouse and "parked" there. Those who did not drive either walked, came on horseback or rode bicycles.

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Spirit of "Nineties" Pervades Benefit Matches in Which Stars Compete

By Fred Hawthorne

It was a regular old-fashioned "lawn tennis day" at the Green Meadow Country Club, of Harrison, yesterday afternoon, when Miss Bjurstedt, national champion, and Miss Goss, runner-up to the wonderful Norse queen of the courts in both those events, played the exhibition doubles matches, with and against Hugh D. Montgomery and Silas W. Howland, two of the club's experts.

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to him and his partner. He smothered many shots by clever block volleys close to the barrier and "killed" short lobs with decisive smashing.

When the men opposed the girls the playing was a bit faster, and the combined net attack of Howland and Montgomery was too great an obstacle for the national woman champion and the runner-up to overcome. In the first set the masculine pair led 1-0 on games, but then Miss Bjurstedt and her partner by severe deep court driving down the side lines pulled up 4-3, only to lose the last game and the set at 4-6.

Montgomery and his partner ran into a lead on games again in the second set, only to be temporarily halted when the fair opponents studied and brought the games to 5-5 by splendid driving and volleying. The last two games went to the club men after several flashing rallies, giving them the set at 7-5 and the match.

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